(ख) 1994-95 चीनी मौसम के दौरान लगभग 143.00 लाख टन चीनी का उत्पादन होने की संभावना है।

(ग) 1994-95 चीनी मौसम के चीनी उत्पादन के बढ़ते रुख को ध्यान में रखते हुए सरकार ने उचित मूल्य स्तर बनाए रखने के लिए खुली बिक्री चीनी की मासिक रिलीज को पहले ही बढ़ा दिया है।

Export of Computer Software to Japan

818. MAULANA OBAIDULLAH KHAN AZMI:
SHRI SANJAY DALMIA:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Japan has opened up avenues for the export of Indian Computer Software; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Japan is the second highest market for computer software after USA. However, Indian companies have been only moderately successful in entering the Japanese market because of certain constraints. The Electronics & Computer Software Export Promotion Council (ESC) initiated steps to explore the Japanese market in cooperation with Japan External Trade Organisation (JETPO). As a result of this focussed activity, an interest has been created amongst Japanese organisations. As a follow-up, there has been exchange of business delegations between the two countries.

मध्य प्रदेश में कोयला खानों को बन्द किया जाना

819. **श्री अजीत जोगी:**
श्री मूलचन्द मीणा:

क्या **कोयला** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार मध्य प्रदेश में कुछ कोयला खानों को बंद करने का विचार रखती है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं;

(ग) कोयले के उत्पादन पर इसका क्या प्रभाव पड़ेगा; और

(घ) इनके स्थान पर कौन-कौन सी नई खानें प्रारम्भ की जायेंगी तथा जो लोग इससे बेरोजगार होंगे, उनके लिए वैकल्पिक रोजगार की क्या व्यवस्था की जा रही है?

कोयला मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री अजीत कुमार पांजा): (क) और (ख) कोल इंडिया लि० ने यह प्रस्ताव किया है कि मध्य प्रदेश राज्य में नार्दर्न कोलफील्ड्स लि० (नाॅकोॅलि०) की गोरबी कोयला खान को कोयला के भण्डार समाप्त हो जाने के कारण 1996-97 में बन्द कर दिया जाए।

(ग) गोरबी खान को बन्द करने के फलस्वरूप कोयला उत्पादन पर कोई प्रभाव नहीं पड़ेगा, क्योंकि नाॅकोॅलि० की अन्य खानों से उत्पादन में वृद्धि हो जाएगी।

(घ) गोरबी खान को बन्द किए जाने से बेरोजगार हुये व्यक्तियों को नाॅकोॅलि० की अन्य खानों में नियोजित कर दिया जायेगा।

Slashing Down of Foodgrain Stocks

820. SHRI SANATAN BISI: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) what policy measure Government would take to reduce the huge stock of 36 million tonnes of foodgrains;

(b) what is the storage capacity of the Central and State Government agencies including hired godown; and

(c) what are the steps being taken to keep the food stock from rodent and pest attack and deterioration of quality due to increase in moisture levels?

THE MINISTER OF FOOD (SHRI AJIT SINGH): (a) Apart from regular releases for Public Distribution System, the FCI has been authorised to sell wheat and rice in the open market also. Besides, wheat is being allotted to Modern Food Industries (P) Ltd. and its franchised units at a rate lower than the Central Issue Price for the Public Distribution System for manufacture and sale of bread at reduced rate. Wheat and rice are also being allotted at rates lower than the Central Issue Prices (i) to those hostels in the country where more than two-thirds of the resident students belong to SC/ST/OBC category and (ii) for

employment generation programmes of Ministry of Rural Development, for manufacturing food products, such as bread, bun, papad, etc. by below-poverty-line families. In addition, the Government have authorised FCI to export/sell for the purposes of export both wheat and rice upto 25 lakh tonnes and 20 lakh tonnes respectively during 1995-96.

(b) The total storage capacity with the FCI as on 1.6.1995 is 28.58 million tonnes, including the hired storage capacity.

(c) Adequate steps are being taken to protect the foodgrains from rodents and insect pests during storage. Different type of rodenticides like Zinc Phosphide and anti-coagulants are used for the control of rodents in godowns and warehouses. Surrounding areas of the warehouses, where live rat burrows are noticed, are fumigated with Aluminium Phosphide pellets. Prophylactic and curative measures are taken for the control of insect pests during storage. To reduce the moisture content of the foodgrains, aeration of the foodgrains is done, so that the quality of foodgrains may not be deteriorated due to increase in moisture

मध्य प्रदेश की कोयला खानों को रिलायंस इंडस्ट्रीज को सौंपना

821. **श्री राघवजी:** क्या कोयला मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार, मध्य प्रदेश में कोयला खानों का प्रबंधन, रिलायंस इंडस्ट्रीज लि॰ को सौंपने का विचार रखती है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) क्या रिलायंस इंडस्ट्रीज लि॰ ने राज्य सरकार की सहायता से उक्त प्रस्ताव को प्रेषित कर दिया है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है?

कोयला मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री अजित कुमार पांजा) (क) जी, नहीं।

(ख) से (घ) प्रश्न ही नहीं उठता है।

Export of Manganese and Bauxite Ores

822. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) the countries to which Manganese and Bauxite ores are being exported at present;

(b) the annual export of these ores from Orissa during the last three years; and

(c) the terms of agreement signed with those countries for exporting these ores?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Manganese ore is being exported mainly to Japan, Republic of Korea, Pakistan and Spain whereas Bauxite is being exported to Bangladesh and United Arab Emirates (UAE).

(b) Statewise export statistics are not maintained.

(c) Apart from spot sales, annual and long term agreements on usual commercial terms are signed for export of these ores.

Effectiveness of BIS quality control methods

823. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "BIS quality control methods not effective enough" which appeared in the "The Pioneer" dated 20th June, 1995;

(b) if so, what steps Government are planning to take for strengthening/ improving the functioning of the Bureau of Indian Standards; and

(c) whether Government are contemplating to replace BIS by evolving any other effective system?